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BILL NO. S- 82-01-12

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. S- 4/-(2)

An Ordinance repealling Labor Grade 18 under Board of Public Safety (700) pertaining to Coordinator of Public Safety under Special Ordinance No. S-178-81 (as amended) and abolishing the position of Coordinator of Public Safety as heretofore provided in Special Ordinance No. S-93-81 (as amended).

WHEREAS, heretofore on April 20, 1981, there was created by Special Ordinance No. S-93-81 (as amended) the office of Coordinator of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS, on July 30, 1981, the Common Councildid pass Special Ordinance No. S-178-81 (as amended) which was approved and signed by the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 3, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3 of said Ordinance provided that Labor Grade 18 was established for the Title of Coordinator of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1 of said Ordinance provided "that no change shall be made in any labor grade without the specific approval of the Common Council"; and,

WHEREAS, said Special Ordinance No. S-93-81 (as amended) provided in Section 3 thereof that the duration of the position of Coordinator of Public Safety "shall be until December 31, 1981".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

Section 1. The Labor Grade of Coordinator of Public Safety is hereby abolished;

Section 2. The position of Coordinator of Public Safety is hereby abolished;

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 $\underline{\text{Section 3}}$ . This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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Approved as to form and legality January 11, 1982

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ohn H. Logan, Attorney for the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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Mr. Roy J. Schomberg Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Councilman Schomberg:

During the past several months considerable dialogue has occurred concerning the Safety Coordinator position. Police organizations and individual police officers have voiced opposition to retaining the position, while a City Council study committee conducted a broad-based review of the position and concluded it should be abolished.

Mayor Winfield Moses has actively contended the Safety Coordinator position should be retained. Many statistical arguments have been presented for retention of the position and during the past week the Mayor issued a mass-mailed letter requesting recipients to contact specific city Council members and express support for the position.

The main theme of the letter cited improved police performance and more stringent discipline as a result of Fire Chief Tony Meyers functioning in the Safety Coordinator position. The letter also portrayed police union leaders as being opposed to improved productivity and stringent discipline and stated they wished to return to the "old, easy, less productive" way of doing things.

At this juncture, we feel compelled to illuminate on the ethics of those persons promoting productivity, discipline and public safety in this matter.

In order to do this, we must make reference to the incident occurring on March 24, 1981. It had been our intention to allow the incident to die a quiet death. As a result of our involvement in the abovementioned incident, we have been chastised not only by members of this Council but also by members of the media and general citizenry. We are aware of the ethical implications involved and, in retrospect, consider the action to have been ill-advised, but at the time we considered the undertaking to be based on essential labor objectives. As it turns out, we feel we were mislead in our judgement and owe City Council and the citizens of Fort Wayne a public apology. However, we have up to this time accepted total responsibility for the incident -- when in fact the responsibility should be shared.

On March 24, 1981 we were in attendance at a meeting which took place in the Mayor's office complex. In addition to the signatories to this letter, also in attendance were City Controller, Frank Heyman, Safety Coordinator Tony Meyers, Mayoral Aide Mark Angel, FOP bargaining committee members Lieutenant Jerry Biddle and Sergeants Don Stedge and Robert Putt

Mr. Roy J. Schomberg March 9, 1982 Page Two

During the course of the meeting the possibility of City Council refusing to approve the arbitrated wage settlement was discussed. In the event of Council's failure to ratify, Union officials at this meeting, and in the presence of the above-named City officials, decided upon a job action. The City officials at this meeting assured complete amnesty from discipline or loss of wages should this job action take place. They also indicated that for their reasons, unknown to us, that they considered a job action advantageous.

Many times during the past year we have considered revealing the details of this incident, but out of fear of retribution have been hesitant to do so. With extreme reservation and out of a sense of community responsibility and only because of the gravity of issues surrounding the Safety Coordinator position, do we reveal the past incident at this time.

We realize that our statements and motives behind them will be questioned. In order to substantiate the truth of our statements, we will submit to a council-appointed lie detector test, although contractually we are not required to do so. We also challenge the other named principals to this incident to do likewise.

We have chosen to present this to City Council to be dealt with at their discretion, rather than resorting to a public revelation that could be embarrassing to the Administration.

David I Becher

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Motion made by Eisbart seconded by Stier:
To postpone ordinance indefinitely.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 4

Motion LOST

3-9-82

A motion was made by Eisbart:

That the Council President appoint a committee to review the position of Coordinator of Public Safety - Questions to ask how to implement the function of the position, job description, etc.

Seconded by GiaQuinta -- Council President appointed 2 to the committee:

Schmidt and Eisbart

Mayor's Veto of Ordinance No. S-82-01-12, was presented to the Common Council for consideration by GiaQuinta and seconded by Stier. Ordinance LOST by a 5 aye, 3 nay and 1 absent vote. Therefore the Veto was upheld because the lack of a 2/3 vote.

## PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS AFL-CIO

LOCAL #15 ORGANIZED OCTOBER 9, 1974

> SUITE 4 3416 NORTH ANTHONY BLVD. FORT WAYNE, IN 46805



PHONE (219) 482-1395

1/8/82

Dear Council Person:

This petition bears the signatures of 235 officers out of a possible complement of 284 excluding the new officers. That is 82.75% of the police force.

We feel that Chief Meyers should not be retained as Safety coordinator for the following reasons:

- 1) No prior experience in police administration.
- Due to his status as a firefighter he has not gained the trust and cooperation of the police department as evidenced by this petition.
- 3) Conflict with other State and Federal police agencies due to his status as a firefighter.
  - 4) There is no provision for this position in Indiana law.
- 5) The police department has lost Federal grants in the past and envisions difficulty is gaining future grants due to Chief Meyers status as a firefighter.
- 6) Due to the management changes in the police department Chief Meyers function is no longer needed.
- 7) The position is not only detrimental to the police department but the fire department as well because it detracts from his ability to manage the fire department.

We urge you to eliminate the position of Safety Coordinator for the reasons stated herein and because retention will have a negative impact on individual officers and the police and fire departments as a whole.

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Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

David J. Becher, President

A PETITION CALLING FOR MAYOR WINFIELD MOSES TO REMOVE ANTHONY MEYERS AS SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR IS HEREBY EFFECTED BY THE UNDER SIGNED MEMBERS OF THE FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS PETITION IS MADE AND ENTERED TO PROMOTE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFIDENCE IN TOP LEVEL MANAGEMENT, IMPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT MORALE, AND RESTORE CIVILIAN CONTROL TO THE BOARD OF SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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